Scholarships: A Long-Term Priority

By almost every measure—Bar passage rate, percentage of students employed following graduation, faculty tenure, and the number of high profile Campbell judges, attorneys, and community servants—Campbell offers the best law school in North Carolina. "There is no doubt that Campbell Law is one of the most well respected programs in this region," said Keith Faulkner, Associate Dean of Administration & Academic Affairs. "Judges across the state know that when a Campbell grad walks into the courtroom, that individual is well prepared to present before the Bench."

However, there is one measure where the Law School is challenged—student scholarship resources. Nearly 95% of Campbell Law students have demonstrated financial need, which is defined as the difference between what it costs to attend the Law School and the amount that a student and his/her family can afford to pay.

During the 2006-07 academic year, the Law School’s available resources were able to provide an average of $2,640 per student in scholarship assistance. Conversely, the average law student needed to borrow nearly $28,000. Many law students will graduate with debt in excess of $100,000.

"Students have many options for law school," said Melissa Essary, Dean of Campbell Law. "The bottom line is that we need substantially more scholarship resources. Alumni and friends of the School of Law can contribute to a general scholarship fund to support student need, there is a critical need for scholarship resources. With nearly nine out of ten Campbell Law students having demonstrated financial need, there is a critical need for scholarship resources. Alumni and friends of the Law School can contribute to a general Campbell School of Law Scholarship Fund or numerous endowed funds.

A permanent legacy can be created via an endowed scholarship for $25,000, which can be funded over 1-5 years. Contact Britt Davis, Director of Law School Development, for a confidential discussion at 910-893-1811 or davisb@law.campbell.edu.

Leadership Committee Studies Opportunity to Relocate School of Law to Raleigh

In its short 30-year history, the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law has moved from a start-up program with an uncertain future to being recognized as one of the premier institutions of legal education in North Carolina. With an annual bar passage rate that has on average led all North Carolina law schools for the past 16 years, the Campbell School of Law has earned its place among the most elite programs in the Southeast. Indeed the program that has developed should instill a sense of pride within the Campbell University community and broader alumni base.

In an effort to fully appreciate the School of Law’s long-term options and opportunities on the main Campbell campus and nearby Raleigh, the Campbell University Board of Trustees recently launched a Law School Location Assessment Task Force. Members of the Task Force include School of Law senior staff and faculty, as well as senior staff from the University.

"This is an incredibly important study for Campbell University and the School of Law," said Pat Hetrick, Professor of Law and former Dean of Campbell Law. "A great university has an obligation to serve the best interests of students, the institution, and the broader community. We are reviewing the myriad issues associated with today’s legal education environment and where Campbell fits in the overall scheme of things. We look forward to making a recommendation that will significantly enhance our historic pattern of student success and program growth."

Task Force members are considering a number of issues, including law student access to internships and career opportunities, service in the community via clinics, and future faculty development. Of equal interest are challenges faced by all law schools across the region, including increased competition in the Southeast, decreasing student applications.
to law schools nationally, and the continued commoditization of legal education as students select law schools based on location and the level of scholarship support which is offered.

In this highly competitive and ever changing environment, the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law must continually enhance its strategy to ensure a record of uninterrupted success. The University Board of Trustees will review Task Force recommendations at a fall 2007 meeting.


The American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section has awarded its 2007 Minister of Justice Award to 1996 Campbell Law alum, Lt. Col. Stuart Couch, U.S. Marine Corps, for his stand as a Guantánamo JAG prosecuting attorney who decided not to bring charges against a prisoner connected with the 9/11 attacks because of his belief that evidence in the case was coerced by torture.

As reported in a March 31, 2007 article in the Wall Street Journal, "When the Pentagon needed someone to prosecute a Guantánamo Bay prisoner linked to 9/11, it turned to Lt. Col Stuart Couch. A Marine Corps pilot and veteran prosecutor, Col. Couch brought a personal connection to the job: His old Marine buddy, Michael "Rocky" Horrocks, was co-counsel at United 175, the second plane to strike the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001."

Col. Couch was assigned to prosecute Mohamadou Ould Slahi, an individual that had already been identified by a senior al Qaeda operative for helping assemble a terrorist cell in Europe, which including the hijackers who piloted United 175 into the World Trade Center’s South Tower. According to Couch, "Of the cases I had seen, he was the one with the most blood on his hands."

Mr. Slahi may have appeared to have the most blood on his hands, but after digging into the details of the case, Col. Couch soon developed serious concerns about the methods used to obtain information and confessions from Slahi and other defendants. In May 2004, Couch faced the ultimate dilemma associated with the case: Could he seek a conviction based on statements he believed were obtained through torture? Ultimately, after much soul searching, consultation with family members, and prayer, Couch refused to participate in the prosecution of Slahi.

Campbell Professor of Law and retired Army JAG officer, William "Woody" Woodruff commented, "Col. Couch's commitment to the rule of law, justice, and fairness is a model for all lawyers, not just prosecutors. His selection by the ABA for the Minister of Justice award reminds us how great, highly-principled lawyers operate. I am deeply proud that Stuart Couch is not just a lawyer, but a Campbell lawyer. My personal motto about our work at Campbell is, 'Improving the practice of law one lawyer at a time.' Col. Couch is indeed a shining example for that goal. We look forward to having him back on campus to speak to our students."

Since August 2006, Col. Couch has served as an Appellate Judge for the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. While he is convinced of Slahi's guilt, Couch knows he did the right thing in not pursuing a case with information that was illegally obtained. "I'm hoping there's some non-tainted evidence out there that can put the guy in the hole," he says.

The 2007 ABA Minister of Justice Award will be presented to Col. Couch at a ceremony on November 2, 2007, in Washington, DC.

2007 Campbell Law Grads Lead on NC Bar Exam

Members of the Campbell Law Class of 2007 had a 95% passage rate on the July 2007 North Carolina Bar Exam. Maintaining a steady trend over the past 16 years, Campbell students had the highest passage rate among all North Carolina law schools. Ninety-two Campbell Law graduates sat for the exam on July 24-25 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds.

July 2007 NC Bar Exam Results

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2007 Student Orientation and Convocation

The 2007-08 academic year was officially launched with first year student orientation on August 9-10 followed by Convocation on August 13. This year's Convocation keynote speaker was Joseph B. Chesnive, Jr. Mr. Chesnive is a founding partner of Chesnive Parker Schneider Bryan & Vitale and also serves as the President of North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. His moving address to students was titled, "To Whom Much is Given Much is Expected." Mr. Chesnive was introduced by Brad Bannon, a 1997 Campbell Law graduate. Mr. Bannon is a partner at Chesnive Parker Schneider Bryan & Vitale. Mr. Chesnive and Mr. Bannon played pivotal roles in successfully representing individuals accused in the 2006 Duke Lacrosse case.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

TWO NEW FACES AMONG CAMPBELL'S OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Campbell Law's faculty is second to none in depth and experience. The Law School is pleased to announce the addition of two new faculty members in preparation for the 2007-08 academic year, Elizabeth “Beth” King and Kevin Lee.

Elizabeth (Beth) King, Assistant Professor of Law

Professor King comes to the Campbell School of Law following three years of private practice with Potter Anderson & Corson LLP, in Wilmington, Delaware. She also served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Widener University School of Law. She is a specialist in labor and employment law, ERISA, corporate, commercial, products liability, and health care law. Professor King has a BS, Magna Cum Laude, in Business Administration & Finance from the University of Delaware, and a JD, Summa Cum Laude, from Widener University School of Law. She clerked for Judge Jane R. Roth on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Professor King will teach Civil Procedure, Pre-Trial Litigation and Health Law.

Kevin P. Lee, Associate Professor of Law

Professor Lee began his legal career as a clerk for Judge Herbert J. Hutton, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He also worked for Braun Moriya Hoashi & Kobata in Tokyo, Japan, where he drafted joint venture agreements, licensing agreements, and other commercial contracts. He previously held teaching positions at New York Law School, the University of Chicago, and DePaul University. For the past four years, Professor Lee was a member of the faculty at Ave Maria School of Law where he taught Contracts, Jurisprudence, Business Organizations, International Business Transactions, and Chinese Law. He earned a BA and MA with honors from Colgate University, a MA from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and a JD with honors from New York Law School. He is completing his doctoral dissertation in Ethics at the Divinity School of The University of Chicago. Professor Lee will teach Business Associations, Contracts, and Ethics.

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